

In the Claims:

1-3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:1;

(c) a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:3; and

(d) a nucleotide sequence that is completely complementary to a nucleotide sequence of (a)-(c).

5-7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A nucleic acid vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 4.

9. (Currently Amended) An isolated host cell containing the vector of claim 8.

10-23 (Canceled).

24. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 9 under conditions sufficient for the production of said polypeptide, and recovering said polypeptide.

25. (Previously Presented) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

26. (Previously Presented) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

27. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 8, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, a virus, and a bacteriophage.

28. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 8, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is inserted into said vector in proper orientation and correct reading frame such that a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2 may be expressed by a cell transformed with said vector.

29. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 28, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is operatively linked to a promoter sequence.